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**IRS OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETS; WILL TAKE PART IN
NATIONWIDE TAX PRACTITIONER FORUMS**

(Washington, DC) The IRS Oversight Board met June 3-4, 2002 to discuss IRS issues. The Board also announced its upcoming participation in this year's IRS Nationwide Tax Forums. The forums provide tax practitioners and the IRS with the opportunity to meet, share information on IRS changes, and air tax community concerns. The Board is interested in hearing from tax practitioners regarding IRS progress in improving its service to taxpayers. (For more information on the IRS Nationwide Tax Forums, go to <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/display/0,,i1%3D5%26genericId%3D7151,00.html>).

The Board also led discussions on:

- IRS modernization, presented by John Reece, IRS Chief Information Officer, and Fred Forman, Associate Commissioner of Business Systems Modernization.
- A review of the National Tax Advocate, presented by Nina Olson. The Board's Personnel and Organization Committee submitted and the Board approved a draft report making specific recommendations to strengthen the National Taxpayer Advocate's office. The Board's report will be released later this year.
- The status of the IRS FY2003 and FY2004 budgets, presented by Todd Grams, IRS Chief Financial Officer.

The Board will next meet on July 29-30, 2002 in Washington, DC.